

Supervisor Romaine, Highway Superintendent Losquadro and the Youth Bureau Present the Distracted Driving Program

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Farmingville, NY – On Wednesday, April 13, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro and the Brookhaven Town Youth Bureau will present a free, interactive Distracted Driving Course. An emerging and deadly epidemic on the nation's roads, distracted driving-related crashes cause thousands of deaths and injuries every year. Nationwide, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death in young people ages 16-24 and Suffolk County has the highest teen fatality rate in New York State. A comprehensive curriculum will be provided for new and young drivers. Instructors will discuss the dangers of driving while impaired and distracted, and demonstrate with state of the art equipment what the negative impacts are.

Supervisor Romaine said, "With the prevalence of smart phones and texting, young drivers are easily distracted and they need to be educated about the dangers. This event is another example of how our Youth Bureau addresses important issues in order to help our young people make better life decisions."

"In our continued efforts to keep motorists on Brookhaven roadways safe, I encourage parents and their teen drivers to attend this free program," said Superintendent of Highways Daniel P. Losquadro. "Young drivers need to understand that texting and driving is not only illegal, but extremely dangerous to everyone on the roads. One poor choice could impact the rest of their lives."

The Distracted Driving Course will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the 2nd floor Conference Room at Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill in Farmingville. It is open to teens and parents. Those who wish to attend must RSVP by calling the Youth Bureau at 631-451-8011 no later than Tuesday, April 5.

For more information about the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau, go to www.brookhaven.org.

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